# COMPASS

**Moving Forward Together** 



# **WI Serving Victims of Crime Conference**

Our 2025 conference brought over 100 participants in Green Bay, Wisconsin for 3 days of skill-building, networking and collaboration. Attendees spent their time learning from subject-matter experts through breakout workshops and training sessions designed to help build their knowledge, services and skills to better serve victims of crime within their own communities.

The goal of our Victims Conference is to provide examples of positive victim assistance programs as well as resources for multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of crime. This year we shared many practical tools in the areas of co-advocacy, culturally specific victim service providers, victimization in confinement, interviewing through empathetic response, victim impact statements, trauma notifications and response within Indian Country and more!

#### **Conference Highlight**

Day 3 started off with a moving session from John DeMay, former law enforcement officer and father of Jordan DeMay. He honors Jordan's memory by highlighting the growing dangers of online sextortion plots and sharing actionable knowledge and strategies to better recognize the signs and protect vulnerable youth from online predators.



### 2025 by the #'s

# **150 Attendees**

from 18 states and 85 different agencies and organizations

Plenary sessions

**Breakout** 



#### **Key Partner Recognition**

**Sponsor** 







Thank you to all attendees, presenters, our conference committee, NCJTC associates and event sponsors for helping us ensure the success of the event!

#### IN THIS EDITION:

- Conference Recap
- NCJTC Impact
- What's New at NCJTC?
- NCJTC in the News

#### TELL US YOUR STORY



You can inspire others and earn NCJTC perks by taking part in our Tell Us Your Story series? ncjtc.org/tellusyourstory

# 750K+

We have provided training and technical assistance to over 750.000 criminal justice professionals over the course of 32+ years. More at ncjtc.org.

#### Connect With Us

info@ncitc.org | ncitc.org (855) 866-2582 7:00 am - 5:00 pm CT (M - F)







# **NCJTC Impact**

### NCJTC Associate Instructors Present at the 2025 Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, Texas









NCJTC Associates along with members of our Contracting and Marketing teams spent the week in Dallas, TX representing our organization at the Crimes Against Children Conference. A total of 7 NCJTC associates were in Texas August 3-7, both leading breakout sessions and sharing about our impact, training and technical assistance offerings.

The Crimes Against Children Conference (CACC) is hosted by the Dallas Child Advocacy Center, and is one of the largest events of it's kind. NCJTC was honored to serve as a training partner at the 2025 Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, where more than 5,000 professionals from across the nation came together under one mission: protecting children

As we have for over three decades. NCJTC continues to be an active event training sponsor, and we send several associates & subject-matter experts to speak at the event each year. Our associates served as expert presenters, leading impactful sessions and equipping attendees with practical tools and strategies to strengthen child protection efforts in their communities.

We value our relationship with the nation-leading Dallas Child Advocacy Center and look forward to returning in 2026!

## Highlights of the week <





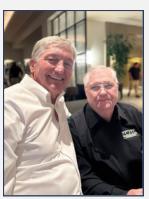
Celebrating longtime NCJTC team member Ron Laney as he received the #CACC2025 Champion Award.

This recognized his outstanding contributions and dedication to child protection throughout his 40+ year career. Ron has been part of the NCJTC team since 1993, and his impact on our mission, the law enforcement community, and child protection efforts has been monumental.

From left: Brad Russ, Lydia Robertson, Ron Laney, Julie Kenniston and Aaron Tomlinson



The celebration continued -NCJTC Associate Instructor Scott Kilpatrick was honored with the Outstanding Service Award. Scott is one of our highly rated subject matter experts, delivering courses that help investigators use opensource online intelligence and digital tools to solve cases faster and more effectively. Congrats, Scott!



Brad Russ and Ron Laney, revisiting the beginnings of the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC) through photos and stories - a reminder of how far the mission to serve public safety has come over the past 32 years!

You can read more about Ron and Scott's award recognition and the legacy of Bill Walsh HERE.

#### Training and Resources to Protect Victims and Children

#### **Live Online or Classroom Courses**

- Criminal Connections: Child Exploitation and Child Sexual Abuse
  - Sept 8 9 | Kenosha, WI November 17 - 18 | Centennial, CO
- NCJTC Sexual Assault Investigation Academy September 15 - 19 | Lancaster, OH December 8 - 12 | Hoover, AL
- Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise (CATE) in Indian Country
  September 19 | Window Rock, AZ

- Child Abuse: From Suspicion to Disclosure September 30 | Live Online
- Conducting Child Abuse Investigations October 27 - 31 | Anchorage, AK December 1 - 5 | Sioux Falls, SD
- Child Homicide Investigations November 17 -18 | Gilbert, AZ
- Responding to Sextortion Related Offenses Against Children November 20 | Live Online

#### **Self-Paced Training**

Train at your own pace with our convenient self-paced training options!

- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Actions and Strategies
- Child Sex Trafficking: Prosecuting Child Sex Trafficking Cases
- FIT: Preparing for the CST Forensic Interview
- Legal Considerations in Child Abuse Cases
- Technology Facilitated Child Abuse Investigations



**MORE SELF-PACED COURSES** 

#### September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

It remains imperative for criminal justice professionals to remain up-to-date on ways to manage the opioid crisis (and the flood of other drugs that have reached epidemic proportions within our communities).

Learn more and register <u>HERE</u> for our featured training course: **Current Drug Trends.** 4 opportunities available!

September 29 - October 2, 2025 | Live Online November 3 - 4, 2025 | Doylestown, PA March 9 - 12, 2026 | Live Online April 23 - 24 | 2026 | Lacombe, LA

Join us to learn more about this national challenge and other emerging drug trends such as fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, methamphetamines, synthetic cannabinoids, and other chemicals. Explore the issues associated with the legalization of marijuana in many states and vaping, butane hash oil, and cannabis edibles. Learn More



# What's New at NCJTC?



# NEW Pilot Training Opportunities | Appleton, WI

We have two new PILOT training courses to help you learn advanced strategies for domestic violence cases and prevention of human trafficking. Sign up to save \$305 on your registration fee!

#### Advanced Strategies for Investigating and Prosecuting Domestic Violence

November 3 - 5, 2025 | This intensive three-day training program is designed to provide advanced strategies for effectively investigating, supporting and prosecuting domestic violence cases. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of domestic violence-related cases, including working with non-cooperative victims, assessing risk, and gathering critical evidence from the start. Learn more HERE.

#### **Evolving Strategies in the Fight Against Trafficking**

November 17 - 19, 2025 | Explore evolving trends in human trafficking and practical strategies for prevention, intervention, and prosecution. Participants will examine risk factors, investigative approaches, victim support strategies, the role of technology in investigations, and community-based solutions. Through case studies and collaboration exercises, attendees will develop actionable plans to enhance responses in their own communities. Learn more HERE.



# Still time left to register for these LIVE Webinars

#### Critical First Steps: Assessment Techniques in Missing Children Incidents | September 3

Identify the five key categories of missing child case and explore how to spot the warning signs that place a child at greater risk for homicide or abduction. Discover the patterns and factors that matter most and see how a strong initial assessment can drive smarter resource deployment and set the investigation on the right track from the start.

This training is ideal for law enforcement, prosecutors, and AMBER Alert staff.

#### Digital DNA at the Crime Scene: Leveraging Mobile Signals to Uncover the Truth | September 3

Technology has transformed how we investigate crime scenes, and mobile devices are central to this evolution. This webinar will explore how cell phone data—collected through cell site dumps, area dumps, and real-time device "pinging"—can identify suspects, locate witnesses, and support or refute alibis.

This session is ideal for investigators, forensic specialists, prosecutors, and analysts seeking to responsibly harness technology to pursue truth and justice.

#### Survivor Stories: From Abduction to Advocate | September 17

Join Dr. Noelle Hunter, a survivor of international parental child abduction (IPCA), as she shares her journey to bring her daughter home from Mali, West Africa and her ongoing advocacy through the iStand Parent Network. Learn how she and other families have navigated cultural and legal challenges with other countries and explore the vital role of law enforcement and the broader system in responding to IPCA cases. This session will highlight key legislation, showcase Dr. Hunter's research and policy work.

# **NCJTC** in the News

#### AMABER ALERT IN INDIAN COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION MEETINGS

#### Great partnerships are key to protecting our kids.

Our Project Coordinator, Alica Wildcatt, recently visited the <u>Muscogee Nation Lighthorse Police Department</u> in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The goal? To continue our work on AMBER Alert implementation in Indian Country and ensure that when a child goes missing, every second and every resource is ready.

We are so honored to work alongside the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as we build stronger, faster, and more effective child protection networks across Indian Country.





### Nez Perce Tribal Police Department - Lapwai, Idaho

AMBER Alert in Indian Country Project Coordinator David Chewiwie recently visited Lapwai, Idaho, to meet with the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department Nez Perce Tribe. He was joined by Tribal Police Chief Mark Bensen, Tribal Police Administrator Marie Baheza, several officers, and the Tribal Indian Child Welfare Director.

This Implementation Meeting focused on AMBER Alert response plans, AMBER Alert in Indian Country available resources, training opportunities, and ways to strengthen partnerships. The group also discussed future AMBER Alert in Indian Country training and resources to support the Nez Perce community. Read More.

To request an AMBER Alert in Indian Country implementation meeting or specialized assistance for your Tribal community, contact us at AskAMBER@fvtc.edu.



# **Did You Know?**

We can come directly to YOUR facility to <u>host</u> our most highly-sought after training courses!



Did you miss the last issue of the NCJTC Compass? Read the July issue!



Scan the QR code to subscribe to our newsletter or visit <u>ncjtc.org/signup</u>!

#### **Connect With Us**



